

Letter from Alexander Melville Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, October 8, 1876, with transcript

Home, October 8th, 76. (No envelope) My dear Al.,

Your mother's letters keep you supplied with all our news, but I must give you a separate line now and then, although I have nothing special to write about. I am glad that your telegraphic work has found such appreciation and honorable recognition as that of Sir William Thompson, and I hope it will soon earn pudding as well as praise. The "Globe's" first paragraph had been simply copied from some other paper. The subsequent prating of a complete regret shows that the mutilation was not done by the Globe. I like your professional prospectus very much. It is exceedingly well drawn up. I shall be anxious to know how it is responded to by pupils. We do not yet understand the nature of the arrangement you have made with Mr. somebody, to which Mabel referred in a recent letter. If it is a relief to you I hope it is not a serious interference with your receipts, you must push your profession and save all you can. That is your "bird in hand"! I had a note from Mr. Burbank a few days ago, in which he says he will be glad to hear from me in reference to the agreement recently drawn out by you. I cannot reply until you give me some information on the subject. This is the first I have heard of it. Mr. B. advises me of the dispatch of a set of V. S. "object cards", but they have not yet arrived. From his circular I perceive that you have applied the Bertini principle-I am glad of 2 this. An account was sent in last week for a coil of wire, price \$1.75 shall I pay it? or were you to return what you did not use? You left no instructions with any one and the coil was found recently in a bandbox. Mamma asked you what should be done with it, but you have not replied to that part of her letter. We have all been full of work in doors and out, for some time past, and are now looking forward to more leisure. Winter will soon be here. We have a slight foretaste today, in an attempt at snow and a thin film of ice. When you are sending off any of your pamphlets I wish you would include Anderson, Edinburgh, and Fluker, London (J. A. Anderson, Esq., 9 York Place, Edinburgh, and H. Fluker, Esq., 3 Sergeant's Inn, Chancery Lane, London. Both will be interested in reading anything you send. A Halifax paper (from Laurie) tells us of Roussy's appointment as Registrar of the University there. Give my love to dear Mabel and tell her that we hope she will be able to pay us a visit on her homeward way. It would be very nice if she could spend a few weeks with us. You will press this I am sure, and I hope successfully. Now don't think I am forgetful of you when I don't write. You are seldom out of my mind and never out of my heart. Mamma, your cousins, and all in Town are quite well. Be sure to answer the points numbered 1 and 2, in your next. With love from all,

Your affectionate father, Alex. Melville Bell.